

CITY MANAGER'S AGENDA

1. Transmitting communication from Robert W. Healy, City Manager, relative to the appointment of the following persons as Constables for a term of three years, effective the first day of Jan, 2003:
With Power - Howard I. Stone, 30 Normandy Avenue, Cambridge, MA 02138
Without Power - Sean A. Wall, 25 Dedham Street, Newton, MA 02461
2. Transmitting communication from Robert W. Healy, City Manager, relative to the appropriation of a grant from the Massachusetts Technology Collaborative for \$337,500 to the Public Investment Fund Public Works Extraordinary Expenditures account to provide funds to cover the cost of creating the City's first Leadership in Energy and Environmental Design (LEED) certified building.
3. Transmitting notification from Robert W. Healy, City Manager, relative to Awaiting Report Item Number 03-64, regarding a report on the issue of rodents in the City.
4. Transmitting communication from Robert W. Healy, City Manager, relative to a recommendation from the Planning Board on the City Council Petition to require discussion of outdoor lighting impacts when applying for a Project Review Special Permit, Section 19.20 of the Zoning Ordinance.
5. Transmitting communication from Robert W. Healy, City Manager, relative to a Planning Board recommendation on the Thall et al Petition to rezone lots on Highland Avenue and Highland Park from the current Residence C-1 designation to a new Residence B designation.
6. Transmitting communication from Robert W. Healy, City Manager, relative to an appropriation of \$72,100 from free cash to the School Department General Fund Other Ordinary Maintenance account to cover clean up, sanitation and repair costs that are a result of the CRLS boiler room fire over the Memorial Day weekend.
7. Transmitting communication from Robert W. Healy, City Manager, relative to an appropriation of \$15,001.60 in HOME Program Income to the Public Investment Fund Community Development Extraordinary Expenditures account to provide funds for the acquisition, moderate rehabilitation, substantial rehabilitation, and new construction of housing units for low and moderate-income families and individuals.
8. Transmitting communication from Robert W. Healy, City Manager, relative to an appropriation of a grant from U. S. Department of Housing and Urban Development for \$47,500 to the Grant Fund Community Development Salaries and Wages account (\$40,000), Other Ordinary Maintenance account (\$5,000), and Travel and Training account (\$2,500) to provide funds for salaries and training

related to the administration of the HOME Program.

9. Transmitting communication from Robert W. Healy, City Manager, relative to an appropriation of a grant from U. S. Department of Housing and Urban Development through the HOME Program for \$1,132,827 to the Public Investment Fund Community Development Extraordinary Expenditures account to provide funds to create new affordable housing (\$955,778) and to be allocated to local Community Housing Development Organizations (CHDOs), Just-A-Start, and Homeowner's Rehab (\$177,049) for program delivery (required under HOME regulations).
10. Transmitting communication from Robert W. Healy, City Manager, appropriation of \$400,000 in surplus sewer revenues to the Public Investment Fund Public Works Extraordinary Expenditures account to provide funds for remedial reconstruction and emergency repairs to the sewer system.
11. Transmitting communication from Robert W. Healy, City Manager, relative to an appropriation of \$40,000 in surplus recycling revenue to the Public Works General Fund Other Ordinary Maintenance account to cover the cost of a waste composition study.
12. Transmitting communication from Robert W. Healy, City Manager, relative to the acceptance of a gift of \$5,000 and appropriation of said gift to establish the Ruth L. Barron Fire Memorial Fund.
13. Transmitting communication from Robert W. Healy, City Manager, relative to an appropriation of a grant from the Massachusetts Recycling Incentive Program for \$49,469.14 to the Grant Fund Public Works Salaries and Wages account (\$29,020) and Other Ordinary Maintenance account (\$20,449.14) to support the purchase of recycling totes and the salaries of two staff members who manage recycling activities.
14. Transmitting communication from Robert W. Healy, City Manager, relative to Awaiting Report Item Number 03-66, relative to skateboarding at CRLS.

CHARTER RIGHT

1. Transmitting communication from Robert W. Healy, City Manager, relative to an appropriation of \$504,198 in additional medicaid reimbursements to the School Department General Fund Other Ordinary Maintenance Account to cover the cost of additional Special Education outside tuitions.
2. Requesting the assistance of the Legislature's Joint Committee on Election Laws with the problem of the effect of the "Motor Voter Law" in rendering inoperable the initiative petition process in G.L. c.43, ss.37-44.

3. Requesting the City Manager to indicate whether there is increased traffic enforcement (ticketing) and the rationale supporting same.

ON THE TABLE

4. Transmitting communication from Robert W. Healy, City Manager, relative to a Landmark Designation Study Report for Shady Hill Square. 1-11 Shady Hill Square, 36 Holden Street.
5. Transmitting communication from Robert W. Healy, City Manager, relative to the Landmark Designation Study Report for designating as a protected landmark the Tulip Tree at 1436 and 1446 Cambridge Street.
6. Request the City Manager to direct the Community Development Department to make maximum use of CPA funds to develop affordable housing that is permanently affordable, such as limited equity cooperatives and condos.
7. Requesting the City Manager to appoint someone to speak with Neighbors for a Better Community to explore possible collaboration.
8. Requesting the City Manager to direct the City Solicitor to draft a home rule petition to enable the City Manager to approve curb cuts.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

9. Petition from Harvard University requesting a sub-surface easement located between 1720 and 1737 Cambridge Street for the purpose of constructing an underground pedestrian and service tunnel beneath Cambridge Street.
10. A communication was received from D. Margaret Drury, City Clerk, transmitting a report from Councillor David P. Maher and Councillor Brian Murphy, Co-Chairs of the Ordinance Committee, for a meeting held on May 7, 2003 for the purpose of considering a proposed amendment to Section 19.22 of the Zoning Ordinance to include outdoor light pollution in the design review of proposed developments. On or after June 16, 2003 the question comes on adoption. This petition expires on August 5, 2003.
11. Transmitting communication from Robert W. Healy, City Manager, relative to an appropriation and authorization to borrow for the acquisition and installation of an automatic water meter reading system. On or after June 16, 2003 the question comes on adoption.
12. Transmitting communication from Robert W. Healy, City Manager, relative to an appropriation and authorization to borrow for the construction of the Yerxa Road railroad underpass. On or after June 16, 2003 the question comes on adoption.
13. Transmitting communication from Robert W. Healy, City Manager, relative to an appropriation and authorization to borrow for extensive improvements to the HVAC system at Cambridge Rindge and Latin School (CRLS) as well as the replacement of the roof on the building and exterior windows and skylights, addition of new

ceilings in rooms, and replacement of lighting in rooms. On or after June 16, 2003 the question comes on adoption.

14. Transmitting communication from Robert W. Healy, City Manager, relative to an appropriation and authorization to borrow for extensive improvements to Russell and Donnelly Fields. On or after June 16, 2003 the question comes on adoption.
15. Transmitting communication from Robert W. Healy, City Manager, relative to an appropriation and authorization to borrow for sewer reconstruction projects in the Agassiz, Fresh Pond/Alewife, Harvard Square, Cambridgeport, Bellis Circle, and Fresh Pond Reservation areas. On or after June 16, 2003 the question comes on adoption.

APPLICATIONS AND PETITIONS

1. An application was received from Pearl Art & Craft, requesting permission for a table to display merchandise at the premises numbered 579 Massachusetts Avenue.

COMMUNICATIONS

1. A communication was received from the families, friends, and co-workers of the STS-107 crewmembers, acknowledging your expression of sympathy.
2. A communication was received from Representative Paul C. Demakis, transmitting thanks for the City Council's resolution supporting the City of Cambridge's desire to lease the Metropolitan District Commission boathouse on the Charles River.
3. A communication was received from Representative Paul C. Demakis, transmitting thanks for the resolution supporting House bill 3376, "An Act Further Regulating the Installation of Automatic Sprinkler Systems."
4. A communication was received from Maureen O'Connell, transmitting opposition to the Tree Control Ordinance.

RESOLUTIONS

1. That the City Council go on record honoring, commending and thanking the staff and board members of health and human service providers for their ongoing work and proclaim Wednesday, June 11, 2003 as Health and Human Services Day in the City of Cambridge. Mayor Sullivan
2. Expressing appreciation to Gretchen Charbonneau for her 14 years of dedicated service to the citizens and to the City of Cambridge and wish her much happiness in her retirement. Mayor Sullivan
3. Expressing appreciation to Roxane Coombs for her 12 years of dedicated service to the citizens and to the City of Cambridge and wish her much happiness in her retirement. Mayor Sullivan

4. Expressing appreciation to Edward D. McCarthy for his 39 years of dedicated service to the citizens and to the City of Cambridge and wish him much happiness in his retirement. Mayor Sullivan
5. Resolution on the death of Helen E. Goodridge. Councillor Galluccio
6. Resolution on the death of Ermanio Volpe. Councillor Galluccio
7. Resolution on the death of Ann Marie Kaveney. Councillor Galluccio, Mayor Sullivan
8. Resolution on the death of Donald Regan. Mayor Sullivan
9. Resolution on the death of Molly Bish. Mayor Sullivan
10. Congratulating Alexander Von Hoffman on the completion and publication of his new book entitled House by House, Block by Block: The Rebirth of America's Urban Neighborhoods and thank him for his contributions to the important topic of urban renewal. Vice Mayor Davis
11. Expressing appreciation to David Betz for his 29 years of dedicated service to the citizens and to the City of Cambridge and wish him much happiness in his retirement. Mayor Sullivan
12. Congratulating William L. Cobham on receiving the Fourth Annual Jeanne Burton Advocacy Award. Councillor Simmons, Mayor Sullivan
13. Congratulating Ed and Marie Henley for their commitment to the Cambridge District of the Boston Minuteman Council of the Boy Scouts of America. Mayor Sullivan
14. Congratulating the winners of the 2003 Lena DiCicco Scholarship and wish them continued success. Mayor Sullivan
15. Congratulating Reverend L. Nelson Foxx as he celebrates his 15th Anniversary as the rector of St. Bartholomew's Episcopal Church. Mayor Sullivan
16. Congratulating the Mt. Auburn Cemetery on the occasion of being named a National Historic Landmark on May 27, 2003. Mayor Sullivan
17. Urging the City Council to be cognizant of the Portuguese American Civic League's annual Holy Ghost Feast which will take place on July 11, 12 & 13, 2003 at 26 Springfield Street in Somerville. Mayor Sullivan
18. Congratulating all the students in the City Links program on completing another successful year and on their celebration to be held on June 23, 2003. Mayor Sullivan
19. Resolution on the death of Father John Frisoli. Councillor Toomey
20. Resolution on the death of Andrew Fitzgerald. Mayor Sullivan
21. Resolution on the death of Harry Samourian. Mayor Sullivan
22. Resolution on the death of Emily Otis. Councillor Simmons
23. Welcoming Scottish Development International to Cambridge and wish them much success. Mayor Sullivan
24. Extending wishes for a very speedy recovery to Joseph DeLeo. Mayor Sullivan
25. Extending congratulations to Legal Sea Foods on the Grand Opening of its new restaurant in the Courtyard of the Charles Hotel in Harvard Square and wish the corporation continued success. Mayor Sullivan
26. Sending a very Happy 40th Birthday wish to Cindy Fulginite. Mayor Sullivan
27. Congratulating the six Cambridge students who participated in the 2003 Johns Hopkins University Center of Talented Youth and scored among the highest in the Commonwealth of Massachusetts on the Plus Test. Mayor Sullivan
28. Congratulating the 2003 graduates of the City Year Program and wish them well in all their future endeavors. Mayor Sullivan
29. Extending congratulations to Patricia Sekler on the occasion of the dedication in honor of her community work at the MDC Playlot Garden on Mount Auburn Street on June 22, 2003. Vice Mayor Davis
30. Congratulating Elena Urioste on being named the 2003 Annual Sphinx Competition Junior Division Laureate for her performance on the violin. Councillor Toomey

ORDERS

1. Requesting the City Manager to confer with the City Electrician and any other necessary entities to ensure that malfunctioning streetlights on Blanchard Road are repaired as soon as possible. Councillor Maher and Councillor Murphy.
2. Requesting the City Council go on record in support of House Bill 1267, "An Act Relative to Initiative and Referendum Petitions in Cities". Mayor Sullivan.
3. Requesting the City Manager to confer with the Chief Public Health Officer about immediately reinstating the three school nurses being laid off, and to report back to the City Council with a plan that all school buildings have a school nurse. Councillor Toomey, Mayor Sullivan
4. Requesting that the City Council go on record opposing the recent action of NSTAR which notified several hundred retirees that the company intends to change their retirement medical benefits effective April 1, 2003. Mayor Sullivan
5. Requesting the City Manager to report back to the City Council regarding improving lighting in the Riverside neighborhood. Councillor Murphy, Mayor Sullivan

6. Requesting the City Manager to direct the City Solicitor to draft an ordinance prohibiting skateboarding on city property with an appropriate fine. Vice Mayor Davis, Councillor Murphy, Councillor Toomey, Mayor Sullivan
7. Requesting the City Manager to report back to the City Council regarding recent acts of vandalism to motor vehicles on Inman Street. Councillor Murphy, Mayor Sullivan
8. Requesting the City Manager to report back to the City Council on neighborhood complaints about noise emanating from trains sounding their horns in East Cambridge, and on what can be done to minimize such noise in residential neighborhoods while ensuring public safety. Mayor Sullivan
9. Requesting the City Manager to direct the Water Department to investigate recent complaints of discoloration of drinking water on Upland Road and to report back to the City Council on what efforts exist to notify residents about the annual flushing of hydrants by the Cambridge Fire Department. Mayor Sullivan

COMMITTEE REPORTS

1. A communication was received from Donna P. Lopez, Deputy City Clerk, transmitting a report from Councillor E. Denise Simmons, Chair of the Economic Development, Training and Employment Committee, for a meeting held on June 3, 2003 to continue discussing the "Buy Cambridge Initiative" (BCI) and any other matter that come before this committee.
2. A communication was received from D. Margaret Drury, City Clerk, transmitting a report from Councillor David P. Maher and Councillor Brian Murphy, Co-Chairs of the Ordinance Committee, for a meeting held on June 4, 2003 for the purpose of considering a petition to rezone lots in the area of Highland Avenue and Highland Park. The land is currently zoned as Residence C-1; the petition seeks to downzone the lots to Residence B.
3. A communication was received from D. Margaret Drury, City Clerk, transmitting a report from Councillor Kenneth E. Reeves, Chair of the Neighborhood and Long Term Planning Committee, for a meeting held on June 6, 2003 for the purpose of continuing the planning for a presentation and discussion on June 18, 2003 on how Cambridge can meet the challenge of the ongoing and fast-moving changes in the knowledge-based economy and culture of Cambridge.

HEARING SCHEDULE

Mon, June 16

5:30pm City Council Meeting (Sullivan Chamber)

Wed, June 18

12:45pm The University Relations Committee will hold a facilitated public meeting to discuss and prioritize future action in the areas considered by the committee in its previous meetings. (Ackermann Room)

5:30pm The Neighborhood and Long Term Planning Committee will hold a forum on Cambridge and its new economy - catching up with our future. (University Park Hotel at MIT, 20 Sidney Street)

Thurs, June 19

The Public Safety Committee will conduct a public meeting to discuss (Sullivan Chamber):

3:00pm - the issue of a new position entitled "Assistant City Manager for Public Safety."

3:30pm - investigating additional public buildings and entertainment complexes to house Semi Automated External Defibrillators (SAED) and SAED trained and certified personnel.

4:00pm - night club safety issues.

5:00pm - campaign on pedestrian, bicyclist and motorist safety.

Mon, June 23

5:30pm City Council Meeting (Sullivan Chamber)

Tues, June 24

8:30am The Human Services Committee will conduct a public meeting to discuss out-of-school time programs and Community Schools programs. (Ackermann Room)

Wed, June 25

3:00pm The Economic Training and Employment Committee will conduct a public meeting to continue discussing the Democratic National Convention Workshop and the "Buy Cambridge Initiative." (Ackermann Room)

Mon, June 30

4:00pm - City Council Roundtable Meeting (Special Meeting) - Informal discussion with members of the Affordable Housing Trust with no public comment. No votes will be taken. Meeting will not be televised. (Sullivan Chamber)

Mon, Aug 4

5:30pm Special City Council Meeting (Sullivan Chamber)

Mon, Sept 8

5:30pm City Council Meeting (Sullivan Chamber)

Mon, Sept 15

5:30pm City Council Meeting (Sullivan Chamber)

Mon, Sept 22

5:30pm City Council Meeting (Sullivan Chamber)

Mon, Sept 29

5:30pm City Council Meeting (Sullivan Chamber)

Mon, Oct 20

5:30pm City Council Meeting (Sullivan Chamber)

Mon, Oct 27

5:30pm City Council Meeting (Sullivan Chamber)

Mon, Nov 3

5:30pm City Council Meeting (Sullivan Chamber)

Mon, Nov 10

5:30pm City Council Meeting (Sullivan Chamber)

Mon, Nov 17

5:30pm City Council Meeting (Sullivan Chamber)

Mon, Nov 24

5:30pm City Council Meeting (Sullivan Chamber)

Mon, Dec 1

5:30pm City Council Meeting (Sullivan Chamber)

Mon, Dec 8

5:30pm City Council Meeting (Sullivan Chamber)

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5:30pm City Council Meeting (Sullivan Chamber)

Mon, Dec 22

5:30pm City Council Meeting (Sullivan Chamber)

Mon, Dec 29

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TEXT OF ORDERS

O-1 June 16, 2003

COUNCILLOR MAHER

COUNCILLOR MURPHY

ORDERED: That the City Manager be and hereby is requested to confer with the City Electrician and any other necessary entities to ensure that malfunctioning streetlights on Blanchard Road are repaired as soon as possible, such repair to include the streetlight between 2 and 3 Blanchard Road and any other malfunctioning streetlights on Blanchard Road or in the vicinity.

O-2 June 16, 2003

MAYOR SULLIVAN

ORDERED: That the City Council go on record in support of House Bill 1267, "An Act Relative to Initiative and Referendum Petitions in Cities"; and be it further

ORDERED: That the City Clerk be and hereby is requested to forward a suitably engrossed copy of this resolution to the co-chairs of the Election Laws Committee, Representative William Straus and Senator Brian Joyce at the Massachusetts State House.

TEXT OF H.1267

AN ACT RELATIVE TO INITIATIVE AND REFERENDUM PETITION IN CITIES.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Court assembled, and by the authority of the same, as follows:

SECTION 1. Section 37 of chapter 43 of the General Laws is hereby amended by adding at the end thereof the following sentence:—

Notwithstanding the provisions of any general or special law to the contrary, the whole or the total number of registered voters for purposes of this section and sections 38 to 44, inclusive, of this chapter shall be the total number of then active voters, and shall not include inactive voters under chapter 51 of the General Laws.

SECTION 2. Section 40 of said chapter 43 is hereby amended by striking the last sentence and inserting in place thereof the following sentence:—

A proposed measure under this section or section thirty-nine shall become effective if it shall be approved by a majority of the voters voting on such measure.

O-3 June 16, 2003
COUNCILLOR TOOMEY
MAYOR SULLIVAN

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O-4 June 16, 2003
MAYOR SULLIVAN

ORDERED: That the City Council go on record opposing the recent action of NSTAR which notified several hundred retirees that the company intends to change their retirement medical benefits effective April 1, 2003; and be it further

ORDERED: That the City Clerk be and hereby is requested to forward this opposition to the management at NSTAR on behalf of the entire City Council.

O-5 June 16, 2003
COUNCILLOR MURPHY
MAYOR SULLIVAN

ORDERED: That the City Manager be and hereby is requested to report back to the City Council regarding improving lighting in the Riverside neighborhood.

O-6 June 16, 2003
VICE MAYOR DAVIS
COUNCILLOR MURPHY
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MAYOR SULLIVAN

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